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GOLD ROAD MINE RESUMES OPERATIONS

FAMOUS GOLD PRODUCER WILL AGAIN SOON BE SHIPPING BULLION

The most important news that this county has received in many years was the order of the United States Smelting, Refining and Mining company to their representative, D. R. Muir, to get everything in readiness to start up the Gold Road mine and the 300 ton milling plant as soon as a crew of miners could be obtained. Mr. Muir has been in Mohave county the past few weeks awaiting this order, having first sent in an estimate as to the probable cost of getting the property in shape for production.

Men are to be put to work at once cleaning up the big mill, remodeling the boarding house, and putting everything in ship shape for the carrying on of a big production campaign. The property has been kept in fairly good shape during the years of idleness, and it will be but a few weeks until everything has been made spick and span, so far as it is possible to brighten up a mining camp and its appurtenances.

The Gold Road mine, which was shut down in the early part of the war, because of constantly rising costs, has been one of the great properties of the gold country of Mohave county. It had a record for cheap production that has never been approached by any of the other operating gold concerns and with improved devices it should still further reduce the production costs. And when this shutdown came it was known that the Gold Road had more than 100,000 tons of "better than \$10 ore" in sight. As this great ore body had been entered only a short time before the shutdown it is reasonable to suppose that further development will bring in hundreds of thousands of tons of still better ore. It is the general belief that the real value of the ore body in the Gold Road is in excess of \$16, but even at the lower figure there is great profit to be had from the ores. Prior to the shutdown the company had put in a crushing plant at the Billy Bryan mine, the pulped ore to be conveyed to the tanks through a

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ORGANIZATION OF BOY SCOUTS 100 PER CENT IN ARIZONA

O. W. Gildow who recently attended the Boy Scouts Convention held at Phoenix, had this to say concerning his trip:

The convention was called to order by Mr. Miller representing National Headquarters. Every Scout Executive in the State was present as well as many Troop Committeemen and Scoutmasters. While this was our first State Convention we had the honor to report Arizona as the first State in the Union 100% organized as to Districts. The work of organizing Troops in the various communities will be rapidly completed and we hope to be able to report a very large percent of our boys in the Scout ranks at our next State Convention, which will be held in Prescott. A large number of representative business men from many parts of the State were also present and pledged their hearty support and co-operation to the good work of Scouting. Kingman will have at least two more Troops, Oatman one and possibly one at Chino. The newly organized Mohave County Council will have a general supervision over the entire district. However each Troop will have its own Troop Committee who will directly supervise the Troops activity and be a part of the County Council. Mr. A. R. Groenink, Scout Executive of Yavapai and Mohave County District, will visit Kingman in December and assist in completing our organization. A copy of the entire proceedings of the State Convention will be forwarded to this Council as soon as completed and will be given in at a later date. The ice is broken and I have every reason to believe that Mohave County is going to take its place as one of the leading districts of the State in the work of character building in our boys.

PREPARING TO SINK ON SAN FRANCISCO

About fifteen men are now employed at the Frisco mine, where the main shaft is being timbered and repaired to make further sinking on the property safe. The order is to sink the main shaft to the 500 level, and then crosscut the country to pick up the vein. The vein, where it faulted was one of the big things of the county, and carried good values. It is the impression that when the vein is picked up on the deep level, which is sure to be done, the property will at once get into production.

The Frisco has a great vein of low grade ore in the property above the proposed shaft, the width being nearly 70 feet and ore that will pay when economically handled. This vein lies rather flat, but it has a great tonnage that would make a large mill necessary to take care of it. With the other vein in production the property would at once take on a production second to no other property in the county. R. L. Dimmick, who has been in charge of the mine for years past, will have active superintendency of the new work.

TELLURIDE DRIFTED 45 FEET ON VEIN

The Telluride drift is now in 45 feet from the crosscut, this distance having been driven in ore, the vein at the heading being 16 inches wide. This ore is of high grade, but the main ore body has yet to be reached, there yet being 115 feet to go before the point reached in the winze is cut. At that point the ore body had a width of 9 feet and a value of over \$35. This ore body is really one of the best opened in the Oatman field in recent years, especially taken with the wonderful ore that was opened on the levels above. These levels show ore that runs from mill grade into the hundreds of dollars to the ton. From the upper levels there is now going forward to the mill 35 tons daily that has an average grade of above \$30 per ton. This grade will be largely increased when the new ore body is ready to produce, which will be but a short time.

W. J. CONNER, OLD TIMER IS CALLED BY DEATH

W. J. Connor, at one time agent at Hackberry and later at Yucca, died suddenly in Flagstaff on the 20th of this month. Mrs. Connor and daughter, who were in San Bernardino at the time, went to Flagstaff, where the funeral was held.

W. J. Connor came to this county in the early days of the entry of the Santa Fe railroad, being an operator and later agent, and also pumper, the agent at water stations in these olden days having to be the jack of all trades. After the discovery of the Orange Blossom mine, over near Barstow, Mr. Connor entered the employment of the company and removed to that place until the collapse of the enterprise. He was a holder in the Leviathan mine, near Cedar, from which he secured a neat sum of money. He was a worthy man and his many friends in this county will learn of his death with sincere sorrow.

W. J. Cook, sr., who has been in the east the past year financing his mining interests at Chloride, was in Kingman a few days ago on his way to the mines, accompanied by an eastern gentleman. The mines under consideration by Mr. Cook are among the best showing of mineral in the Chloride district and it is to be hoped that arrangements will be made for thorough development.

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD SUNDAY

Tribute To Members Who Have Died To Be Paid At Impressive Annual Ceremony.

Annual memorial services for B. P. O. E. Lodge No. 468 will be conducted at the Elks Theatre Sunday afternoon beginning at 3:00 o'clock. All Lodge members will report in the Lodge Rooms at 2:45 o'clock and will march in a body to the theatre. This service is one of unusual significance to all Elks and is one of the most impressive rituals of the Lodge work.

While the annual service is conducted primarily as a tribute to Brothers who have died within the year, it has, in effect the broader scope of a memorial for all deceased members of the Lodge, from the time of its organization to the present. Five members of Kingman Lodge crossed the Great Divide during the year which ends December 1st. They were, J. W. Morgan, Del Sherer, Thomas H. Brobant, William H. Mack and Harry W. Vogt. The officers in charge of this ceremony announce that the public is cordially invited, and all Visiting Elks are invited to attend the services with the members of Kingman Lodge.

SILVER BLADE MINES NOW SHIPPING ORE

The Silver Blade Mines company Wednesday last made a shipment of several tons of ore to the Humboldt smelter as a test. The ore carried good values in silver and copper, and in general appearance it is the same as that taken from the Hibernia. The company is sinking its main working shaft, but so far only superficial depth has been gained. The old shaft was carried to a depth of 60 feet and had to be abandoned because it would take more to straighten it out than to sink the new one. Good ore has already been found in the new shaft, and it is probable that this will be the ore body that will receive the greatest attention hereafter.

Specimens of the ore brought to Kingman show considerable metal, the copper being in the form of carbonates and some oxides. It is the impression that it also carries silver bromide.

LUCKY BOY DRILL NOW DOWN MORE THAN 380 FT.

The drill of the Lucky Boy has reached a depth of 380 feet and it is expected to cut the vein early next week. The work is going on with considerable rapidity and the opening of the vein at the new level should be but the work of four or five more days, as it is expected to be reached within 450 or 500 feet below the apex. The Lucky Boy is one of the properties that should soon be making a record. It is in the neighborhood of the Sunnyside, which, we believe, is another of the good things of the camp.

WIN PRIZES AT THE MUSQUERADE BALL

The Masquerade Ball Thursday night at the I. O. O. F. Hall was very successful. Prizes were given to the most originally costumed dancers. The first prize was captured by the Parson sisters who were garbed in Oriental Costumes. The second prize was awarded to Lonnie Van Marter dressed to represent "His First Night Out Alone" and the third prize went to Bill Cook "The Colored Gentleman". Many other original and artistic gowns and costumes were worn.

Birdie Marshall is now with the dry goods department of the Central Commercial Co.

HAULING OATMAN UNITED ORE IS DELAYED BY RAINS

The Oatman United has so far sent to the Tom Reed mill 150 tons of ore that will run about \$10. Hauling had to be stopped because of the wet condition of the road Wednesday and Thursday, but will be resumed as soon as the road is passable. A new road had been built to the mine, which was too soft to bear the heavy trucking but with a settlement of the weather this road will be in fine shape.

The Oatman United will soon be in shape to forward a better grade of ore to the mill, but the \$10 grade pays a small profit over the expenditure. A \$15 ore will return a big profit when the stopes are opened and cheaper methods are applied to the heavier production. The mine is fast getting in shape for this larger production, drifts being carried into the better mineralized part of the property and stopes will be opened as fast as the headings are being driven out of the way.

FOUR METALS OWNERS VISITS PROPERTY HERE

J. E. Castle, principal owner in the Four Metals Mines, accompanied by H. A. Ingersoll, visited the property of the company several days this week. Mr. Castle is one of the large farmers of Illinois, having his residence at Rich Farm, while Mr. Ingersoll is engaged in contracting in Danville, Illinois, the old home town of Speaker Cannon. The gentlemen appeared to be well pleased with the appearance of the property, and it is probable that operations on a large scale will soon be under way. The mines are worth while, but need a large amount of development work to bring them into productivity.

JURY SESSION OPENS MONDAY MORNING

Judge Bollinger's court convenes Monday morning and opens with the Criminal Calendar. The first case to be tried is Trinidad Escarrega, accused of grand larceny, then W. H. Crawford alias C. M. Berry, accused of forgery. Against J. J. Munsey there are five charges for obtaining labor under false pretense. Several other minor cases may be tried.

After the Criminal Calendar will follow the Civil Calendar.

NORTH STAR WILL START NEXT MONDAY

George McDevitt returned a few days ago from Los Angeles, where he had been looking after the affairs of the North Star mining corporation. He reports having had a most successful trip, and expects operations to be resumed on the property Monday next. This property is one of the most important of the new properties of the Oatman section, and with a good management should soon be developing a good ore body. Supt. Kelly will have charge of the affairs of the company.

EXCURSION RATES TO PHOENIX DEC. 18-19

Account of the Arizona Industrial Congress at Phoenix December 18th and 19th the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific railways have made a rate of one and one-half times the regular one way fare to Phoenix, from all stations within Arizona. These tickets will be on sale December 16th, 17th and 18th with final return limit of December 21st, 1922. Going trip must begin on date ticket is purchased. The fare from Kingman to Phoenix and return for this occasion will be \$22.50.

KINGMAN BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS WIN GAMES

Word was received early this morning that the Kingman boys and girls teams won the tournament with Needles on Thanksgiving. The game was very close in both cases. The boys score for the first half was 8 to 10 in favor of Needles and the girls' was 4 to 2 in favor of Kingman. The final scores of girls and boys was 6 to 7 and 20 to 25 respectively. Very good playing was done on both sides. Splendid team work, quick, accurate passing and good guarding kept the scores down to a fairly low margin and the scores indicate that the games were of a see-saw nature first one team ahead and then the other.

The Thanksgiving game makes the second one that the girls have beat Needles and leaves the boys teams each one game to their credit.

WILL VISIT OATMAN TROOPS COMMITTEE

C. A. Warren, T. H. Dodd and O. W. Gildow will go to Oatman Tuesday to meet with the troop committee at that place. Mr. A. R. Groenink, scout executive from Prescott is expected in Kingman Monday evening and will go to Oatman with the above mentioned committee. Mr. Groenink will remain in the Kingman and Oatman district several days in order to carry out plans outlined for this community at the State Convention.

A special Scout meeting will be held at the M. E. Church, Thursday, December 7th and all scouts are urged to be present and meet Mr. Groenink.

SAWING BUILDING BLOCKS FROM TUFFA

Don Metcalfe is making progress with his plan of sawing up tuffa stone for use in building. Some years ago Mr. Metcalfe bought a carbundum saw and this past month Don got busy and hooked it up to a motor. He has not perfected his device yet but can already saw the stone rapidly.

The tuffa stone is of volcanic origin and is found in at least two quarries here, those of Mr. Metcalfe and Anson Smith. The Arizona Central Bank building is constructed of this tuffa. A carbundum saw goes through it much the same as a saw goes through a piece of wood. Building blocks and bricks can be made from this stone. Another use is for ornamental fireplaces.

This industry has a future and the public will watch its development with much interest.

HUBBS SECOND ON THE STATE TICKET

In the final count it was shown that only one man on the state ticket, Amos Betts, beat Wayne Hubbs of Mohave County insofar as piling up a majority is concerned. Betts had a majority of 16,187 and Hubbs 13,372. Hayden led the ticket with a majority of 30,583 and Ashurst had a majority of 18,364.

WORK ON NEW RAILROAD SECTION

The contract that was let to the Sharp and Fellows contractors, to the west of Yucca, is receiving considerable attention, there being about 400 teams of mules at work putting up the grade. This new work will complete the double tracking to the Colorado river, where it will connect with the double track into Needles. It is understood that contracts have been let to close the double tracking through Needles to Barstow, whence the old double track runs to Los Angeles.

ROTARY CLUB ORGANIZED IN KINGMAN

This Club Will Add Its List Of Members To The 80,000 Rotarians Of The World.

Final steps in the organization of a Rotary club for this city were taken last week by a group of business men, thus making this section a part of the famous International Association of Rotary Clubs which during the past seventeen years has established itself for the development of the idea of practical service in more than a thousand cities in twenty countries.

The organizing committee appointed last July by Charles B. Christy, governor of the 8th district Rotary International Club were Robert Curry of Phoenix, special representative of the governor and R. W. Wilde, chairman of the organization committee, W. L. Linville, R. L. Anderson, and R. C. Jacobson. Following the work of this committee the club was established by Charles B. Christy on the 22nd of this month with R. W. Wilde as president, C. J. Walters, vice-president, E. Ross Housholder, secretary-treasurer and W. L. Linville, Charles A. Granger and Jay M. Gates, directors.

The membership list will be increased at the rate of three a month.

Wednesday the first luncheon of the newly formed club was held 20 members being present. The luncheon was presided over by the president of the club Robert W. Wilde, who announced that Carl Walters would preside over the luncheon the following Wednesday and Charles Granger the one of the following week. Mr. Wilde in his remarks called especial attention to two committees, that of fellowship, composed of Charles Granger, Willis Black, J. Harry Knight and J. M. Gates and that of Public Affairs made up of Tom Devine, Ira George, Jay M. Gates and Smiley Jones. Upon these committees rests a great deal of the responsibilities of the club and they hold until the election of officers in April next. It was

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DRIFTING TOWARD BLACK RANGE IS NOW UNDERWAY

Owing to the breaking of the machinery the Black Range was hampered greatly in its operations, but the water has now been hoisted from the level and the work of driving toward the vein from the Nellie shaft is under way. This development is being watched with greater interest than anything in the district, the belief being general that one of the big properties of that section is sure to be brought in. The diamond drill disclosed a good ore body at a depth below the old shaft on the Black Range, and this part of the mine will be entered by the drift from the Nellie at a depth below the drill level. The vein of the Black Range is enormous in width and the lode is traceable for many miles along the west side of the Blue Ridge range.

Supt. Keating is getting matters shaped up for a big development campaign and is sure to put it through.

CUTS AN ARTERY

Bob Dunn, employed in the Arizona Barber Shop, met with a rather bad accident last Monday morning while cleaning a glass jar. The jar slipped from his grasp and in trying to catch it it was broken, a piece of the glass cutting a big gash in his wrist and severing an artery. Before the artery could be caught up and the wound sutured a large amount of blood was lost. Mr. Dunn will be laid up for some time with the wound.